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In accordance with the regulations of 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97-1.98 the above referenced applicant submits the following information which is requested to be entered of record.

Enclosed are appropriate copies, and Form PTO-1449.

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PCT Search Report for PCT /EP99/04407.

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These references have been known to the applicant and/or have come to the attention of the applicant during the prosecution of the PCT application; consideration of these references is respectfully requested. The relevancy of certain of these documents is indicated in the enclosed PCT Search Report.

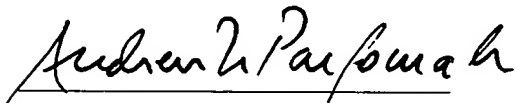
Each of the documents are in the English-language, or are accompanied by an English-language abstract discussing the contents of such document. The applicants also point out that the relevant parts of the document and the degree of relevancy are indicated in the enclosed PCT Search Report.

The applicants point out that WO 98/24738 A is the subject of copending application US Ser.No. filed in the USPTO on 29.July.1998

As these references are being brought to the attention of the Office prior to the mailing date of any first Office Action by the USPTO, and indeed are being filed with the application filing papers, neither the Certification pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(e) nor the fee due according to 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is deemed necessary.

Should the Office believe that telephonic communication would advance the prosecution of the instant application, they are invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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